

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 172
25 May 1954

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Colonel Jesse	Army
Major Jacobson	Army
Lieut. Madden	Navy
25X1A9a Major Malone	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)

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2. Chapter I on Iran

Five copies of page proofs for Chapter I on Iran, together with correction lists resulting from D/B review, were distributed to each member. The Chairman requested Agencies' comments by the end of the week so that final printing can be started. Comments should be twofold: specific errors and serious discrepancies on the present Chapter; and more significant comments leading to the improvement of future chapters.

The Chairman urged that members develop more effective organizations in their Agencies for handling Chapter I production and review. Whatever the form of organization it should provide for cumulative experience with this type of production. D/B has formed a permanent Chapter I task group to handle the review and editing of contributions and to assist contributors in developing well balanced Chapters I.

3. Production Schedules

The Vice Chairman distributed to the members copies of the full NIS Production Schedule for Fiscal Year 1955. The schedule calls for the production of 525 sections which fully meets the JCS requirements.

Several members reported difficulties in developing their tentative production schedules for fiscal year 1956, which the Committee desired at this early date for planning purposes. The Army and Navy members submitted tentative schedules, but the Air Force member noted that Sections 23 (Weather and Climate) were not included in the Chapter II schedule. The Committee agreed that a general schedule for 1956 could be drawn up by 1 July 1954. The Chairman said he would have the various agency schedules consolidated and sent to the members in time for a review by the Committee at the 13 July meeting.

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4. Request [REDACTED] for Chapter IX, NIS 39

All members reported their Agencies' views were in general agreement with the recommendation of the Chapter IX Coordinator for the release of Chapter IX on NIS 39 (China) [REDACTED] as set forth in his memorandum of 9 April 1954 (see paragraph 9 of NIS Committee Meeting No. 170). The Navy member stated, however, that the Hydrographic Office was still examining the question of control for the HO charts which appear in this NIS. The Chairman said that the Committee should be prepared to take final action in this matter at its next meeting.

5. Proposed Changes by Army in the NIS Program

a. Reallocation of Section 45

The Chairman reported that the subcommittee appointed by the NIS Committee to discuss the reallocation of Sections 45 had met twice -- the first time with limited representation, and the second time with an augmented representation which included State, Army, Navy, Air Force, OSI, and D/B. The general consensus of its members appeared to be that Section 45 should remain intact as medical intelligence, and the medical aspects concerned with military forces should be included in Section 81. In their opinion OSI is best fitted to coordinate that production. The subcommittee also recommended that the Public Health Service be called upon to render assistance since they maintain rather complete world-wide data on health and sanitation aspects. It was felt that State did not presently have medical capabilities for this type of production, and the merging of Sections 45 and 46 would inevitably create a strong sociological bias to medical intelligence. A full report of this second meeting will be sent to each member.

The Chairman proposed to explore this matter with OSI and lay before the NIS Committee at the next meeting for final resolution the recommendations of the working committee and the manner in which they should be implemented.

b. Joint Concurrence

The Army member agreed that the interpretation of "joint assistance" with its mutual responsibilities as set forth in paragraph 4 b of NIS Committee Meeting No. 171 would meet Army's requirement in lieu of "joint concurrence". The Chairman requested the members to give their immediate attention to fulfilling these mutual responsibilities in all phases of NIS production in which joint assistance is required by the allocations of responsibility as set forth in the Standard Instructions.

6. Supplement V

The Chairman reported that the members of the Supplement V subcommittee (refer to paragraph 7 of NIS Committee Meeting No. 171) were generally in agreement that augmented Section 62-C currently under revision should be used

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as a medium for petroleum requirements on all but the most important oil producing countries of the world. The members are now looking over the proposed revisions to the Outline Guide for 62-C and will report their views on this and on maintenance for Supplements V at the next meeting of the working committee. All members agreed there should be a marked reduction in the geological information and more on oil production and oil production facilities.

7. NIS Population Authority

The State member recommended that State's Population and Labor Branch be used by all contributors to determine population data for NIS purposes. This Branch is headed by Dr. Christopher Tietze, an eminent authority on international census data. He may be consulted on Code 191, Extension 4909. The State member explained further that there is no one agency in Washington which produces on request population figures. There are two main sources which State utilizes: 1) the Library at the Bureau of Census, which is the best source available, but which is not prepared to do a research job, and 2) the Census Library Project at the Library of Congress, designed to serve the United Nations. Miss Phyllis Carter is the UN census consultant at the Library of Congress. CIA's Demographic Project is also considered an excellent source and is utilized by State.

The Chairman requested that all contributors use State's Population and Labor Branch as the primary source for all NIS population figures to ensure uniformity of population data.

8. Declassification of Army Document

The Vice Chairman reported that D/B had examined the document, "Troop Operations Program" and had determined that the portion relating to the NIS Program should retain its classification of "Confidential". In addition to one incorrect statement, there are several items which could well be eliminated in the interests of clarity and the removal of higher classification aspects. He suggested to the Army member that the article be redrafted along these lines at which time it could again be reviewed by D/B staff.

9. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 8 June 1954.

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